

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 11-14 and 17-20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter. Please AMEND claims 1, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 21, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A both-side recording apparatus constructed so that a first sheet passing path for guiding a recording medium conveyed from an automatic sheet supplying section, and a second sheet passing path for guiding the recording medium conveyed to an automatic reversing section and conveyed from the automatic reversing section share a part of them the first sheet passing path and the second sheet passing path with each other,

wherein a guide member ~~being~~ is said shared part of the sheet passing paths and is capable of taking a first position ~~of~~ for the first sheet passing path and a second position for the second sheet passing path wherein the guide member guides the recording medium guided by the first sheet passing path or the second sheet passing path to a nip of the sheet feeding roller for conveying the recording medium and the pinch roller for pressing the recording medium to the sheet feeding roller.

wherein the first sheet passing path is placed above the second sheet passing path,

wherein said pinch roller contacts said conveying roller at a position of said conveying roller offset towards the recording section,

wherein the first position is higher than the second position, and

wherein said guide member located in the first position guides said recording medium to said nip from the position higher than the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller.

2. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said guide member is adjacent to a sheet feeding roller, a pinch roller capable of opposingly contacting said sheet feeding roller with pressure and separating from said sheet feeding roller is placed at said sheet feeding roller, and said guide member moves in synchronism with a timing of the contact with pressure or the separation of said pinch roller.

3. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said guide member is biased with an elastic member to the first position, and is moved to the second position in synchronism with movement from the contact with pressure to the separation of said pinch roller when both-side recording is carried out.

4. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said guide member is always biased to the second position, and is capable of moving to the first position in synchronism with movement from the separation to the contact with pressure of said pinch roller when the recording medium is conveyed from the automatic sheet supplying section.

5. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said both-side recording apparatus is capable of taking a first state in which said pinch roller is in contact with said sheet feeding roller with pressure and said guide member is in the first position, a second state in which said pinch roller is separated from said sheet feeding roller and said guide member is in the second position, and a third state in which said pinch roller is in

contact with said sheet feeding roller with pressure and said guide member is in the second position.

6. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a space between recording means and the recording medium is variable in synchronism with said first state or said second state or said third state.

7. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein pressure which brings said pinch roller into contact with said sheet feeding roller with pressure is variable in synchronism with said first state or said second state or said third state.

8. (Original) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a detecting lever for detecting presence or absence of the recording medium is brought into a retreated or a detectable state in synchronism with said first state or said second state or said third state.

9. (Currently Amended) A both-side recording apparatus having a guide member for guiding a tip end of a recording medium to a nip portion of a sheet feeding roller wherein a ~~first~~ first sheet passing path for guiding the recording medium conveyed from an automatic sheet supplying section and a second sheet passing path for guiding the recording medium conveyed to an automatic reversing section and conveyed from the automatic reversing section share a part of them,

wherein said guide member is capable of taking a ~~first~~ first position for the first sheet passing path and a second position for the second sheet passing path, said guide member takes the second position when the recording medium is conveyed from the sheet feeding roller to the automatic reversing section, and moves to the first position from the second position, after the recording medium passes through the guide member before the recording medium is nipped by the sheet feeding roller again from the automatic reversing section.

10. (Currently Amended) A both-side recording apparatus for performing recording onto a recording medium in a recording section, comprising:

feeding means for feeding the recording medium;

a conveying roller for conveying the recording medium to said recording section;

a pinch roller for nipping the recording medium in cooperation with said conveying roller;

a reversing section for reversing a front and a back of the recording medium conveyed in an opposite direction from the recording section by said conveying roller; and

a guide member capable of moving to a first position and a second position, located in the first position to guide the recording medium conveyed from said feeding means or said reversing section to a nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller, and located in the second position to guide the recording medium conveyed in the opposite direction from the recording section by said conveying roller to said reversing section,

wherein a tip end of the recording medium fed from said feeding means or said reversing section abuts to the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller and is subjected to

registration ~~oblique motion correction~~, and thereafter, is conveyed to said recording section by said conveying roller,

wherein a first conveying path for guiding the recording medium to said conveying roller from said feeding means is placed above a second conveying path for guiding the recording medium to said reversing section from said conveying roller,

wherein said pinch roller contacts said conveying roller at a position of said conveying roller spaced towards the discharge roller and offset from a center position of the conveying roller,

wherein the first position is higher than the second position, and

wherein when said guide member located in the first position guides said recording medium to said nip from a position higher than the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller.

11-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended)) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 10 ~~14~~, wherein a guide surface of said guide member for the recording medium is a convex shape in which an end portion at an upstream side and an end portion at a downstream side are low.

16. (Currently Amended) A both-side recording apparatus for performing recording onto a recording medium in a recording section, comprising:

feeding means for feeding the recording medium;
a conveying roller for conveying the recording medium to said recording section;
a pinch roller for nipping the recording medium in cooperation with said conveying roller;

a reversing section for reversing a front and a back of the recording medium conveyed in an opposite direction from the recording section by said conveying roller; and

a guide member capable of moving to a first position and a second position, located in the first position to guide the recording medium conveyed from said feeding means or said reversing section to a nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller, and located in the second position to guide the recording medium conveyed in the opposite direction from the recording section by said conveying roller to said reversing section,

wherein a tip end of the recording medium fed from said feeding means or said reversing section abuts to the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller and is subjected to registration oblique motion correction, and thereafter, is conveyed to said recording section by said conveying roller, and

wherein when said guide member guides the recording medium fed from said reversing section to the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller, said guide member is located in the first position when the recording medium is thin, and said guide member is located in the second position when the recording medium is thick,

wherein a first conveying path for guiding the recording medium to said conveying roller from said feeding means is disposed above a second conveying path for guiding the recording medium to said reversing section from said conveying roller,

wherein said pinch roller contacts said conveying roller at a position of said conveying roller spaced towards the discharge roller and offset from a center position of the conveying roller.

wherein the first position is higher than the second position, and

wherein said guide member located in the first position guides said recording medium to said nip from a higher position than the nip of said conveying roller and said pinch roller.

17-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The both-side recording apparatus according to claim 16 ~~20~~, wherein a guide surface of said guide member for the recording medium is a convex shape in which an end portion at an upstream side and an end portion at a downstream side are low.